



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
Division of Community and Public Health  
Section for Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology  
Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis

## **HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Program QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

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**January – March 2006**

### **CTR Updates**

#### **Staffing Changes**

Cheryl Blaise has moved into the position of coordinator of the HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral Program. Cheryl has provided HIV trainings for DHSS for the past several years and will continue to provide oral test method and rapid test method training, with Scott Carson providing the skills and counseling portions. A few minor date revisions have been made to the 2006 HIV Training Calendar due to the staffing changes. Ingrid Denney has moved into the position of Field Operations Manager. Amy Forbis is the Disease Surveillance Manager. Melissa VanDyne is the Prevention Programs Manager, which encompasses syphilis elimination, HIV incidence, as well as overseeing staff who perform MIPP, CTR, and Hepatitis Quality Assurance. These staff changes were due in part to the most current reorganization of the Section for Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology, which established the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis to better address and coordinate these issues.

#### **HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Meeting**

The newly developed CTR procedure manual was distributed at the January 18 CTR meeting in Jefferson City. Also discussed at this meeting were changes in protocol for oral and rapid testing and partner counseling and referral services.

#### **REMINDER**

Please be aware of expiration dates on OraSure, OraQuick and controls so that wastage through expiration is avoided.

### **Hepatitis**

The DHSS Hepatitis Program is continuing the Missouri Hepatitis Vaccination Initiative through the end of the calendar year. Most local public health agencies have enrolled in the program and enrollment is still open. For information about the initiative or to sign up, contact Elaine Pherigo in DHSS Central Office at (573) 751-6124.

Hepatitis C testing and Hepatitis A and B vaccinations will be available in Kansas City during the annual Gay Pride events beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> and running through June 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the Kansas City Health Department at 816-513-6008. Hepatitis C testing and Hepatitis A and B vaccinations will also be available at the ST. Louis Gay Pride events, which will take place June 24-25 in Tower Grove Park.

Ongoing Hepatitis C testing is available through the Columbia-Boone County Health Department, Missouri RAIN in Columbia, St. Louis Efforts for AIDS, and Hepatitis C Multicultural Outreach in Kansas City.

# STDs

## Syphilis Numbers for 2005 – early syphilis – statewide

Below is the finalized number of early syphilis cases for 2005 in Missouri. The **provisional** data for 2006 is:

Kansas City: 20

Springfield: 2

St. Louis City: 13

St. Louis County: 5

Outstate: 12

	Total Cases	Total Males	% of Total Cases	Self-Identified MSM	% of Total Males	Total HIV +	% of Total MSM
SW	39	36	92%	28	80%	4	14%
NW	24	19	79%	13	68%	4	31%
STL City	54	47	87%	34	72%	27	79%
KC	94	84	89%	62	74%	50	91%
STL County	15	14	93%	13	93%	6	46%
Central	15	9	60%	6	67%	1	17%
Eastern	7	5	71%	3	60%	1	33%
SE	7	6	86%	5	63%	3	60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>59%</b>

For more information on syphilis outbreaks or numbers, please contact Melissa Van Dyne, State Syphilis Elimination Coordinator, at (573) 751-6439.

## Community Syphilis Elimination Advisory Group (CSEAG) Meetings

CSEAG meets in St. Louis the second Tuesday of each month at Harris Stowe College from 12:00-2:00. Contact Rhonda Boykin for more information – (314) 877-0242.

## STD Subcommittee at the Statewide Community Planning Group

A newly formed STD subcommittee will be meeting for the first time at the June 2006 CPG meeting in Jefferson City. Persons diagnosed with an STD are also at risk for HIV, so more focus is being placed on this population as a priority group for interventions to be implemented.

# For Review

## A Woman's Perspective by TROJAN

To get more information on some new products from the maker of Trojan brand condoms, specifically targeting females, go to [www.elexabytrojan.com/products.aspx](http://www.elexabytrojan.com/products.aspx).

## Fighting HIV – Lessons from Brazil

An interesting article from The New England Journal of Medicine on some of their prevention efforts is at [www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org) dated May 11, 2006.

## HIV Testing, Especially for Young Adults

**Come to The CITY....**Monday night is the scene of The CITY (Counseling, Informing & Testing for Youth) at the Kansas City Free Health Clinic. The CITY Rapid HIV testing clinic is specifically geared towards individuals ages 13-24. New-release movies will be playing in the lobby and food and drink will be offered. Youth friendly counselors, HIV Youth Case Manager and other free services will be offered from 5:00-8:00 p.m. every Monday on a walk-in basis. Check out KC Free's website for other services, map, hours, etc. at [www.kcfree.org](http://www.kcfree.org).

## Vaccine for Cervical Cancer

May 19, 2006 – by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An FDA advisory committee has voted 13-0 to endorse a vaccine, which would block viruses that cause most cervical cancer. The vaccine, Gardasil produced by Merck, is anticipated to cost \$300-\$500 and would consist of three shots over a six month period. The drug would protect against two types of human papillomavirus, or HPV, and two other viruses that cause 90% of genital warts. Merck says that the vaccine could be used for female's ages 9-26, but that it would work best for those who had not yet begun having sex. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is to decide next month on endorsing routine use of the vaccine.

# Lab Notes

## STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB CONTACT INFORMATION

Dana Strobe <a href="mailto:dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov">dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov</a> PH: 573-751-0633	Technical questions on test procedures Test result interpretation Problems obtaining supplies
Jeremy Wilson <a href="mailto:jeremy.wilson@dhss.mo.gov">jeremy.wilson@dhss.mo.gov</a> PH: 573-751-4441	SPHL Rapid HIV Testing Contact Technical questions on rapid HIV test procedures Rapid test result interpretation
Janet Keil <a href="mailto:janet.keil@dhss.mo.gov">janet.keil@dhss.mo.gov</a>	Statistics

PH: 573-751-7233	
Bonnie Ahart <a href="mailto:bonnie.ahart@dhss.mo.gov">bonnie.ahart@dhss.mo.gov</a>	Questions on courier schedules
PH: 573-526-3799	
Mailroom	Ordering supplies
PH: 573-751-4830	

# Statistics

Missouri CTR* Report		
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - 2006		
(Blood and Oral based on SPHL reports. Rapid based on site reports.)		
	# Tests	# Positive
January - Blood	1963	17
January - Oral	219	4
January - Rapid**	222	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2404</b>	<b>25</b>
February - Blood	1695	15
February - Oral	298	2
February - Rapid**	191	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2184</b>	<b>22</b>
March - Blood	1954	11
March - Oral	175	1
March - Rapid**	206	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2335</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>QUARTERLY TOTAL</b>	<b>6923</b>	<b>62</b>
*CTR sites include those sites funded for CTR services and the agencies they subcontract with or provide testing supplies to (20 sites)		
**10 Rapid Testing Sites		

# Upcoming Events

June 15-16	Statewide Community Planning Group Meeting-Jefferson City
June 27	National HIV Testing Day

# Contact Information

## State CTR Program Contact Information

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<p><b>Scott Carson</b> Training Team Coordinator <a href="mailto:scott.carson@dhss.mo.gov">scott.carson@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6439 FAX: 573-751-6447</p>	<p><b>Trainings provided by MDHSS</b></p>
<p><b>Karla Holzer</b> Office Support Assistant <a href="mailto:karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov">karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6120 FAX: 573-526-0235</p>	<p><b>Ordering of scan forms</b></p>
<p><b>Valerie Schmidt</b> Senior Office Support Assistant <a href="mailto:valerie.Schmidt@dhss.mo.gov">valerie.Schmidt@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6439 FAX: 573-751-6447</p>	<p><b>Training Registrations</b> <b>Assigning of Counselor ID Numbers</b></p>

# Training Calendar

## 2006 HIV Training Calendar

### Oral Test Method\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
February 7, 2006	St. Charles, Missouri	January 20, 2006
March 20, 2006	Independence, Missouri	March 3, 2006
June 6, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	May 19, 2006
August 3, 2006	St. Charles, Missouri	July 14, 2006
September 28, 2006	Independence, Missouri	September 8, 2006
October 12, 2006	Springfield, Missouri	September 22, 2006

### HIV Prevention Counseling

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
February 8-9, 2006	St. Charles, Missouri	January 20, 2006
March 21-22, 2006	Independence, Missouri	March 3, 2006
June 7-8, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	May 19, 2006
August 1-2, 2006	St. Charles, Missouri	July 14, 2006
September 26-27, 2006	Independence, Missouri	September 8, 2006
October 10-11, 2006	Springfield, Missouri	September 22, 2006

### Rapid Test Method\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
April 11, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	March 24, 2006
October 24, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	October 6, 2006

### HIV Positives and Their Partners\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
April 12-13, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	March 24, 2006
October 25-26, 2006	Jefferson City, Missouri	October 6, 2006

**\*Prerequisite – HIV Prevention Counseling**

**\*OTM-May be taken in conjunction with HIV Prevention Counseling**

For information or to register for these trainings, please call (573) 751-6439 or toll-free (866) 628-9891. Confirmation letters will be sent to all training participants approximately two weeks prior to the date of the course. Class size is limited, so please register early. The Department of Health and Senior Services reserves the right to cancel a training; if so, participants will be notified.

Note: These trainings are offered free of charge. Transportation, lodging, and/or meals will be on your own.

**Department of Health and Senior Services**

# Training Updates

## Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis HIV Trainings Available

### **HIV Prevention Counseling (HPC)**

This course is designed to develop a counselor's proficiency in conducting HIV Prevention Counseling. The focus of this course is to enable counselors to more effectively support clients to 1) identify their personal HIV risk behavior and circumstances; 2) identify specific risk reduction goals; and 3) develop a realistic, personalized action plan to achieve these goals. One unit of this course will focus on hepatitis and other STDs and how they are related to HIV transmission. A prerequisite for this course is basic HIV knowledge.

### **Oral Test Method (OTM)**

This course prepares participants to collect oral specimens for HIV antibody detection and to educate clients about the oral test method. Participants will build skills in specimen collection by performing an oral test. A prerequisite for this course is attendance at HPC training and an approved plan to use this method of testing. (Attendance may be in conjunction with HPC.)

### **HIV Positives and Their Partners (Partner Counseling and Referral Services)**

This course is designed for selected staff in agencies that deliver positive HIV results to clients. The curriculum focuses on services for individuals recently diagnosed with HIV and their sex and needle-sharing partners. Participants will build skills in partner elicitation, partner counseling, and referral service provision. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

### **HIV Rapid Test Method**

This course prepares the participant to collect oral or blood specimens for rapid HIV antibody detection. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and HIV Positives and Their Partners (PCRS) and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

### **Registrations**

All registrations must go through the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis staff, with priority given to contracted agencies with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. All courses have limited space available and are offered free of charge.

**Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to so early registration is recommended.**

# Rapid Testing Sites

<p>St. Louis Metro HIV Counseling &amp; Testing  5535 Delmar  East Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 203  St. Louis, MO 63112  PH: 314-612-5885  Contact: Dale Wrigley  <a href="mailto:WrigleyD@stlouiscity.com">WrigleyD@stlouiscity.com</a></p>	<p>Kansas City Health Department  2400 Troost  Kansas City, MO 64108  PH: 816-513-6074  Contact: Latrice Parker  <a href="mailto:Latrice_Parker@kcmo.org">Latrice_Parker@kcmo.org</a></p>
<p>Columbia-Boone Co. Health Dept.  1005 W. Worley, PO Box 6015  Columbia, MO 65205-6015  PH: 573-874-7536  Contact: Bill Monroe  <a href="mailto:BKM@gocolumbiamo.com">BKM@gocolumbiamo.com</a></p>	<p>Springfield-Greene Co. Health Dept.  227 E. Chestnut Expressway  Springfield, MO 65802  PH: 417-864-1303  Contact: Robin Hilburn  <a href="mailto:Robin_hilburn@ci.springfield.mo.us">Robin_hilburn@ci.springfield.mo.us</a></p>
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